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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

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Sir:

The following preliminary amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

**IN THE ABSTRACT**

Please replace the Abstract with the attached revised Abstract.

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Amended) A contactor arrangement, comprising:

two contactors; and

a blocking element, wherein the contactors include guides for contact supports, wherein the blocking element is deflectable from an intermediate position to a blocking position by a guide of an operated contactor when one of the contactors is operated, the blocking position preventing operation of an unoperated contactor, wherein the guide of the unoperated contactor acts in an operating region on the blocking element if an attempt is

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